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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Putin
of Russia (U)

PARTICIPANTS: President Vladimir Putin

Interpreter: Peter Afanasenko
Notetakers: Melissa Stone, Chad Ensley,
and Alison Clyde

DATE, TIME December 24, 2007, 7:45 - 7:51 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: Camp David

The President: Hey, Vladimir. (U)

President Putin: George, hello. (U)

The President: Hey. (U)

President Putin: I will probably take no more than two minutes of your time. I would like to congratulate you on the upcoming Christmas. It has been a good year. We have recognized the 200th anniversary of the establishment of our diplomatic relations. (U)

So, I recall the meetings which took place in Heilingendamm, and in the summer in Kennebunkport at the house of your father, and I took a look at the statement you made at the pre-Christmas press conference, and basically I believe that even though this has been a difficult year with many events happening, overall it was not too bad. (U)

I would like to wish you and your family, and all Americans, a Merry Christmas and good festivities, and I embrace you and all the best to you. (U)

The President: Thank you, Vladimir. I wish you and your sweet girls and good wife all the best. I told Laura I'd be speaking

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(to you today, and she told me to wish you and Lyudmila all the best. I'm looking forward to working with you next year. We'll stay in touch. ~~(S)~~

President Putin: Thank you. All the best to you. (U)

The President: Thank you. Thanks for calling, friend. Da svidaniya. (U)

President Putin: Bye-bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --